

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT (CJA) TASK FORCE

Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)

Law Enforcement & Victims Services Division

Friday January 18, 2008, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Harry Elias, Cathy Stephenson, Robin Allen, Baljit Atwal, Nora Baladerian, Donald Cohon, Jan Dunn, Michael Grogan, Patty O'Ran, Jay Smith, Tina Williams, and Wendy Wright.

Members Absent: David Casey, Teresa Contreras, Stephanie George, Michelle LaPena, Jo A. McCormack, Carol O'Callaghan, Deanne Tilton, and Dale Wilson.

OES Staff Present: Ann Mizoguchi, Lori Nosanow, Leigh Bills, Alan Logan, and Jessica Jordan.

Guest: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Harry Elias, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Individuals present introduced themselves.

II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2007 MEETING

The Task Force members reviewed the minutes, cited need for minor edits, and approved them.

III. OES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leigh Bills, Criminal Justice Specialist, informed members the details of the March 7, 2008 joint Sexual Assault Committee (SAC)/CJA Task Force meeting in Los Angeles have been finalized. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with a presentation by Kay Buck, Executive Director of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST). Following Ms. Buck's presentation the CJA Task Force will move to a separate room for the remainder of the CJA Task Force meeting.

The Task Force scheduled meetings for May 30, 2008 and September 26, 2008.

Leigh Bills reminded Task Force members to send in their Travel Expense Claim information as soon as possible and asked if anyone was waiting for payment. No one indicated they are having any problems with reimbursement.

IV. PROGRAM SPECIFIC UPDATES

Lori Nosanow, Chief, Victim Justice Section, updated the Task Force on the status of the Tribal Resource Specialist Program, indicating the three selected recipients had been notified and would be working with OES to get into grant award agreement as soon as possible. Leigh Bills was asked to e-mail the location of the three recipients to all Task Force members.

V. THREE-YEAR REPORT

Leigh Bills reported on the status of the Three-Year Report indicating the report is in good shape but a couple people have not submitted the information they were assigned. The report will be submitted with the federal CJA application which was anticipated to be due at the end of March but has yet to be released.

After discussion the Task Force determined they wanted to add the following three recommendations to the Three-Year Report.

- **RECOMMENDATION #6:** The CJA Task Force recognizes the importance of outcome based evaluation in all projects in order to more meaningfully replicate successful programs.
- **RECOMMENDATION #7:** Recognizing the success of the Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Program, the CJA Task Force will develop a plan to replicate the program.
- **RECOMMENDATION #8:** In the development of all CJA funded programs, the special needs of children with disabilities will be discussed and addressed within the program when appropriate.

The Task Force requested clarification regarding the expansion of successful programs and a discussion from a previous meeting. Ann Mizoguchi, Chief, Children's and Victim Justice Section, indicated expansion of successful programs is allowed under CJA. OES staff agreed this discussion occurred and the Task Force requested this discussion be included in the minutes.

VI. CJA 2008 – PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Leigh Bills informed the Task Force five programs will be ending this fiscal year (2007/08) freeing up \$542,522; \$500,000 to be allocated to programs for fiscal year 2008/09 and \$42,522 for the administrative support.

The Task Force went through all eight recommendations and after much discussion voted to fund the Statewide Multidisciplinary Centers Coordinator Program at \$100,000, (\$50,000 to fund the coordinator position and \$50,000 for data collection and evaluation) and to use the remaining \$400,000 for the Children Exposed to

Domestic Violence Program. A sub-committee (Harry Elias, Catherine Stephenson, Jay Smith, and Jan Dunn) will meet with OES staff on March 6, 2008 to develop the specifics of the program and this information will be submitted to the Task Force at the March 7, 2008 meeting.

VII. MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

The Task Force voted to add the above three recommendations to the Three-Year Report and to fund the Statewide Multidisciplinary Centers Coordinator Program at \$100,000 and the Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Program at \$400,000.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.